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**Request for Two Month Extension, Amendment & Response to Office Action**

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed on 4/10/2002, a response to which was originally due on 7/10/2002. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension for responding and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$200 fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 01-2315. The new deadline is now 9/10/2002, and this response should be considered timely filed.

**Amendments**

➤ **Claims**

Please delete pending claim 1 and replace it with new claims 2 – 43, a clean copy of which is attached hereto.

**Remarks**

Upon review of this case, and of the subject matter already claimed in the related US Patent No. 6,150,527, Applicants have decided to focus the present application on important monomeric compounds of the invention and have replaced claim1 accordingly.

The claimed monomers are discussed generally in the paragraph bridging pages 39 and 40 of the application, with reference to formula II on page 3 of the application. Structural definitions of the various functional groups are disclosed in the ensuing pages, especially pages 3 – 9 and thereafter as well.

In view of the amendment to the claims, the various issues raised in the prior office action have been rendered moot. The new claims are believed to comply with the requirements of Section 112 and to define novel, nonobvious subject matter. Their consideration and allowance respectfully requested.

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